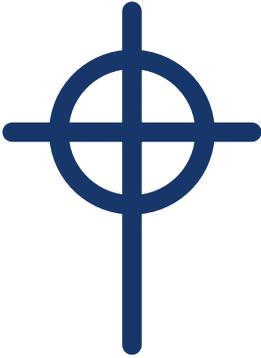




VILLAGE CHURCH

Presbyterian (USA)



Service of Worship

June 12, 2022 • 9 and 11 a.m.

About Today's Service

Prayer meetings. Prayer chains. Prayer groups. Prayer requests.
What happens in God because of these prayers?
What happens in us?



GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

Prelude

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee
arr. Victor Labenske; Ben A. Spalding, piano

Words of Welcome

Rev. Tom Are, Jr.

Call to Worship

Rev. Zach Walker

O Lord, open our lips

and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Blessed are you, Sovereign God, Ruler of the nations,
to you be praise and glory forever!

**From the rising of the sun to its setting
your name is proclaimed in all the world.**

In the prayers of our hearts,
in the busyness of our living,
and in the courage of our dreaming

**let your name be praised,
let your word be proclaimed,
and let your life spring from the hearts of your people.**

*Hymn, No. 409 (v. 1,2,4)

God Is Here!

*Prayer of Confession

**Holy God,
there are burdens that follow us and
weigh us down;
we can't shake them.**

Heal us, we pray.

**Compassionate God,
there are fears that haunt us and
worry us;
we can't push them away.**

Comfort us, we pray.

**Expectant God,
there are inadequacies we have accepted,
when we shouldn't.**

**There are failings we have excused,
when we should expect more of ourselves.**

**Lift our expectations
that we might live as you intend us to live. (Silent prayer)**

*Assurance of God's Grace

*Response

**Halle, halle, halle-lu-jah!
Halle, halle, halle-lu-jah!
Halle, halle, halle-lu-jah! Hallelujah! Hal-le-lu-jah!**

*Passing the Peace of Christ

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Time with the Children

Brooke Brundige

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture

Luke 11:9-14 (pg. 947)

Call to Prayer

**Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Melt me; mold me; fill me; use me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.**

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

Scripture

Luke 22:39-42 (pg. 961)

Sermon

Can Prayer Change God's Mind?

Rev. Tom Are, Jr.

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

*Hymn, No. 816

If Thou But Trust in God to Guide Thee

Call for the Offering

Offertory Anthem

What a Friend We Have in Jesus
arr. Ben A. Spalding; Ben A. Spalding, organ (9 a.m.)

Lullaby from Hansel & Gretel
by Engelbert Humperdinck; French Horn Quartet (11 a.m.)

*Sung Response

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.

Praise God, all creatures high and low.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Praise God, in Jesus fully known:

Creator, Word and Spirit one.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn, No. 821 (v. 1-3)

My Life Flows On

*Benediction

*Benediction Response

The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a fountain ever springing!

All things are mine since I am his! How can I keep from singing?

No storm can shake my inmost calm while to that Rock I'm clinging.

Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth, how can I keep from singing?

*Postlude

Festive Improvisation on NETTLETON
Ben A. Spalding, organ

**All who are able may stand*
© A-705103 for all hymns

WELCOME TO VILLAGE CHURCH

Whether this is your first time at Village, or you come so often you call it “home,” we are blessed that you are with us today. No matter where you are in your faith journey or life stage, no matter what questions or burdens you carry, Village takes seriously the call to be welcoming; we are glad you are here. Every Sunday we gather to read the old story, sing hymns (some of which our grandparents sang), while also engaging the world in which we live this minute through sermons and prayer. By connecting the story of our lives to the story of Christ’s life, we discover hope and even joy.

If you are new to us, stick around after the service. Introduce yourself to one of our pastors. We have tons of programs to expand your spirit and enrich your life. We would love to tell you more. Give us a try; soon you also might also be calling this place “home.”



Rev. Tom Are, Jr.
Senior Pastor

MUSIC NOTE

Thank you to today's horn quartet: Kirk Rush, Matthew LaMar, Ellin M. Schoenfeld and Debra Burnes.

Also, thank you to today's guest organist, Ben A. Spalding. Ben is one of the most exciting professional choral conductors of his generation. He has established himself as an exemplary conductor, creative programmer, composer, arranger, keyboard artist and arts entrepreneur. He is the founder and artistic director of Kansas City's Spire Chamber Ensemble and Baroque Orchestra. He has also served as guest organist and pianist at our Antioch Campus.

The Gathering – Join us for an alternative style of worship at Village Church offered 5 p.m. Sundays in Friendship Hall at our Mission Campus. Learn more at vpcthegathering.org.

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ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Fall Village U Class Ideas Wanted – We will soon be planning our fall 2022 Village U course catalog. Do you have an interesting idea for a class? Or do you know of someone who would like to teach a class? Contact laura.hobbs@villagepres.org with any course suggestions by June 30.

CHILDREN & FAMILY MINISTRY

Child Care is available on the first floor during 9 a.m. & 5 p.m. services. Infants to 4-year-olds in Rooms 114, 111 and/or 106.

Summer Lighthouse Sunday Fundays, 9-10 a.m. incoming K-6th graders. Join us in Room 307 for a broadly graded morning as we explore mission opportunities and how to spread kindness.

CONNECTIONAL MINISTRIES

47th Annual Ice Cream Social – 5-7 pm. Friday, June 24, in Friendship Hall and the south parking lot at the Mission Campus. Free for the congregation and community! Pastors and staff will be scooping ice cream and toppings. Enjoy hot dogs, chips, soda pop and popcorn. Eric Vaughn–Comedy Magician, will perform at 5:45 p.m. in Friendship Hall. A petting zoo, bounce house and inflatable double slide will be in the south parking lot.

MISSION

The Food Pantry is asking for cereal - all kinds - hot (Cream of Wheat, oatmeal, Malt-o-Meal, etc.) or cold (Cap'n Crunch, Grape Nuts, Oatmeal Squares, Frosted Mini Wheats, etc.). Next week is Father's Day. The Clothes Closet can use men's clothing in all sizes, but especially large and above. We would appreciate donations of men's casual clothing such as jeans, sweats, etc.

Volunteers Needed – The Kansas City CARE Health Center serves the needs of the uninsured and underinsured. Village Church has had medical professionals volunteer at the center at 3515 Broadway for several years. If you are interested in donating three hours of your time (malpractice coverage provided), contact Debbie Skaggs at 816-777-2761 or Village member John Hall at 816-289-6092.

MUSIC

Te Deum "Divine" Concert – 3 p.m. today, in the Mission Campus Sanctuary. Te Deum will present sections of the Orthodox All-Night Vigil service and the Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom. Composers being performed include Rachmaninoff, Kalinnikov, Tolstiaikov, Nicholas Reeves, Benedict Sheehan and Arvo Paert. This is a benefit concert for Reconciliation Services (founder of Thelma's Kitchen). Visit te-deum.org for tickets.

Mozart, Beethoven & Barn Burners – 7:30 p.m. this Friday, June 17, Mission Campus Sanctuary. Join Village Players leader and violinist Destiny Ann Mermagen for a concert with prize-winning pianist Tatiana Tessman. Featuring sonatas by Mozart, Beethoven and works from Bach to Barn Burners™. A special guest appearance by Village Players youth members. Admission is free.

Village Church Arts Alliance Presents: KC Baroque Consortium Concert, "The Fashionable Chalumeau" – 7:30 p.m. Friday, June 24, in the Mission Campus Sanctuary. This concert kicks off the Kansas City Baroque Consortium's Summer Series, "Music from the Age of Enlightenment." Visit kcbaroque.org for tickets.

Sing In Summer Choir – We would love to have you join us! We'll be singing in the 11 a.m. service Sundays, July 10-31, rehearsals at 10:10 a.m. in the Chapel before the 11 a.m. service. No choir robes. Sit with the congregation. It's a great chance to get a sample of singing with our choirs.

Village Voices Announces 2022-23 Season – Registration is currently open to all 7-12 graders. It's going to be a fun-filled year with a lot of music and fellowship. The season begins on Aug. 20. Contact Dr. Josh Maize at josh.maize@villagepres.org for questions and more information.

PASTORAL CARE

Summer Session of Growing Through Grief Starts in July – Your heart is hurting. You miss your loved one. Growing through Grief is one way to receive support and comfort. Class at 5:30 p.m. Wednesdays, July 13-Aug. 10, in Room 132 at the Mission Campus. Receive your own copy of "Understanding Your Grief—Ten Essential Touchstones for Finding Hope and Healing Your Heart." Free and open to all; registration is required. Contact Linda Alley at 913-671-2327 or linda.alley@villagepres.org to register.

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

Young Adult Ministry is for all people in their 20's and 30's.

Second Sunday Worship & Dinner – 6-7 p.m. tonight. Every second Sunday this summer we'll worship together in the Gathering at 5 p.m. in Friendship Hall, then gather in the Young Adult Room for pizza and conversation after. RSVP online: VillagePresYA.org/summer.

Love Your City Saturday Event: 18th & Vine – 10:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, June 18. This summer we'll show our love of KC by visiting some of our favorite places. We'll start Juneteenth weekend, visiting the Jazz and Negro League Baseball Museums. Kids of young adults welcome. RSVP required! VillagePresYA.org/calendar/18thandvine.

Summer Bible Study – "Not for Children, the Stories We Didn't Learn in Sunday School" continues Wednesday, June 29, 7-8:30 p.m. This summer we're re-learning some old stories, as we haven't heard them before. Next lesson: "The Bald Man & the Bears-Even the Holiest Get Triggered." Rev. Hallie Hottle is leading. Snacks included. Bible expertise not required, but sense of humor helpful. All 20's and 30's invited! RSVP and more info online: VillagePresYA.org/summer.

YOUTH MINISTRY

Summer Programs Begin Tonight – Join us for weekly summer activities, no sign-up required!

Gathering & PGG (MS & HS) – 5-7 p.m. Sundays. **MS Mondays** – 7-9 p.m. Mondays. **HS Late Nite** – 8-10 p.m. Tuesdays. **Service Days (MS & HS)** – 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Wednesdays.

Summer Trips – We are still accepting registrations for our summer trips! For details visit villagepresyouth.org/trips

SERMON SERIES

I Have a Question...

Life raises questions. Sometimes it raises questions that require a response from our faith. The teaching of the faith raises questions as well. Sometimes it requires that we ponder how the faith relates to the demands of ordinary life. Each Sunday, we bring such questions to worship. Each Sunday from May 8-July 10, the sermons will speak to many of the questions you have raised. Does prayer work? Can we love our enemies? Why do bad things happen to good people? How do we deal with all the divisions in our world? It is hoped that these messages will spur your own thinking about how you respond to questions such as these.

June 5	Teach Us To Pray
June 12	Can Prayer Change God's Mind?
June 19	Forgive Us as We Forgive
June 26	Forgive and Forget?
July 3	A Patriotism Informed by Citizenship
July 10	Love Your Enemies? What Good Will That Do?

MINISTERS

All members of the congregation

MINISTRY TEAM

Rev. Tom Are, Jr., senior pastor • Dr. Elisa Bickers, principal organist

Will Breytspraak, director of music • Brooke Brundige, director of children and family ministry

Laura Davis, director of marketing and communications

Nancy Gatewood, interim director of connectional ministries

Rev. Melanie Hardison, pastor of pastoral care • Rev. Hallie Hottle, pastor of young adult ministry

Dr. Joshua Maize, associate director of music • Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka, senior associate pastor

Robert Rumold, director of information technology • Bob Sperry, director of giving and endowment

Sandra Stephens, director of child care • Jim Tilden, senior director of business operations

Rev. Zach Walker, pastor of youth ministries • Deborah White, director of mission

Rev. Sally S. Wright, pastor of pastoral care • Rev. Dr. Robert H. Meneilly, founding pastor, 1947-1994

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Streaming video of Sunday services is available at villagepres.org/online.

You may call in to listen to a week-delayed broadcast of our Sanctuary service on our worship service phone line: 913-203-1301. You can opt-in to be called automatically at 9:30 a.m. Sundays.

We kindly request that cell phones be turned off during worship

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